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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES AID BILL

REF: DAMASCUS 1032

1. SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED ACTION ON
AID BILL AND SENT IT TO FULL SENATE. VOTE CURRENTLY EX-
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PECTED WEDNESDAY MARCH 19. APPROPRIATIONS BILL HAD ALREADY

PASSED HOUSE EARLIER, BUT WILL STILL HAVE TO GO TO CONFERENCE.

2. ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST PACKAGE REMAINED INTACT INCLUDING DOLS 100 MILLION FOR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND. SUB-COMMITTEE HAD MADE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION OF ONLY DOLS 25 MILLION FOR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND (WHICH WAS REPORTED BY WIRE SERVICES) BUT FULL COMMITTEE RESTORED TOTAL TO DOLS 100 MILLION QUOTE TO UNDERSCORE THE COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE.

3. OF THIS, UNRWA WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE DOLS SIX MILLION, WHICH EARMARKED IN SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND PROVISION OF AID LEGISLATION PASSED IN DECEMBER. IN ADDITION, HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT ON AUTHORIZATION BILL RECOMMENDED THAT PART OF SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND BE USED FOR PROJECTS IN WEST BANK AND GAZA; CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SMALL PART OF FUND MAY GO VIA VOLAGS TO ACTIVITIES FOR PALESTINIANS THERE.

4. FOR DAMASCUS. FOREGOING SUPERSEDES AIDAC MESSAGE SENT YOU EARLIER TODAY.

5. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. INGERSOLL

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